



# City of Surrey

## Council-in-Committee

### Minutes

Council Chamber  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009  
Time: 4:32 p.m.

#### Present:

Councillor Gill - Chair  
Mayor Watts  
Councillor Villeneuve  
Councillor Steele  
Councillor Martin  
Councillor Rasode  
Councillor Hunt  
Councillor Hepner

#### Absent:

Councillor Bose

#### Staff Present:

City Manager  
City Clerk  
City Manager  
General Manager, Planning & Development  
City Solicitor  
General Manager, Engineering  
General Manager, Finance & Technology  
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture  
General Manager, Human Resources

## A. DELEGATIONS

### 1. **Bernadette Keenan, Bridgeview Community Action Group and on Behalf of Bridgeview in Motion and Bridgeview Community Association** File: 6520-01; 0550-20-10

Bernadette Keenan, Bridgeview Community Action Group, and on behalf of Bridgeview in Motion and Bridgeview Community Association, was in attendance to discuss concerns with respect to Corporate Report R249 and to outline the vision the residents of Bridgeview have for their community. In support of the information material provided, comments were as follows:

- 30 years ago, Council's concern was whether or not Bridgeview was good for residential use and if they should be looking at other uses. The other use seemed to be industry.
- Bridgeview today has sustainable values, environmental values and a strong community spirit.
- Corporate Report R249 restricts itself to green park and green spaces within Bridgeview.
- Bridgeview residents are cleaning up the parkway (to start on the community gardens) and would also like to have green spaces expanded down to the waterfront (e.g. upgraded fishing dock amenities).
- Illegal truck parking and by-law enforcement continues to be a concern. The temporary truck parking application should be turned down once and for all.
- The recommendation in the report, to ensure vegetation and debris is removed in a timely manner, is not adequate; flooding seems to be worse due to freeway related pre-load, given the drainage problems experienced since freeway preparation has started. In many areas former surface drainage has been eliminated and new perimeter drainage goes into existing inadequate ditches. The speaker was concerned as to accountability and responsibility for the problems that may arise.
- With regard to sanitary sewers, there is concern with cross connection due to flooding.

- Sidewalks in Bridgeview are often cracked, in poor repair and flooded.
- The report recommends confirmation of freeway details and the Pattullo Bridge alignment before developing a traffic management plan (which includes traffic calming). Residents' homes are experiencing damage due to overweight trucks driving on or close to residential streets. With the present illegal truck parking, traffic calming measures are needed now.
- Bridgeview can't afford (as stated in the report) to wait for a traffic management plan to be in place before addressing land use issues. Land use issues should be dealt with first and not held up for a traffic management plan that could be delayed years by other levels of government.
- The freeway is further reducing the residential area. Realtors predict that when the freeway is built, Bridgeview will become all industrial.
- An updated NCP similar to that of South Westminster is desired.
- The community is taking advantage of the OCP review process to share their vision for the future by distributing OCP review sheets to residents and collecting their feedback.
- At the last Bridgeview Community Association executive meeting an informal poll was taken noting that 100% of the executive would like to see more residential in Bridgeview and green space right down to the waterfront.
- Gateway updates have stated that the freeway will take trucks away from residential streets, but the freeway will be half a block from the elementary school.
- The Bridgeview community's vision includes:
  - o Walking/bike paths along the waterfront;
  - o Access to public beaches;
  - o Bridge to bridge parks; and
  - o Sustainable transportation – public transportation - passenger rail on existing rail lines and commuter shuttles.

In conclusion, the delegation asked that the Bridgeview community be apprised of Council's intentions for their neighbourhood. The delegation was asked if they had knowledge of a recent meeting held at the Bridgeview Community Centre, where presentations were made responding to many of the community's concerns.

Council thanked the delegation for their presentation and it was requested that staff provide the delegation with the information that was given at the community meeting of February 27, 2009.

**2. Derek Lucas, President  
Rotary's R.E.C. for Kids  
File: 0250-20; 0550-20-10**

Derek Lucas, President, R.E.C. for Kids, was in attendance to provide an update on the Rotary, R.E.C. for Kids Initiative and the work that has been done thus far. A PowerPoint presentation was provided together with an information folder that

included a summary of the R.E.C. for Kids program, a copy of the Business Plan and the Five Year Financial Forecast. Additional comments were as follows:

- This community initiative R.E.C. (recycling of equipment and cycles) is something that the Rotary clubs have led based on an operation in Edmonton called Sports Central.
- It is a partnership between the Rotary clubs, the community services groups, business and the City of Surrey.
- The mission is to provide reconditioned sports equipment for children in need in the community.
- If we can get sports equipment to those children in need, we can offer something to break the cycle of poverty in the community.
- The vision is that every child will have the sports and recreational equipment to stay healthy, active and have fun.
- The latest federal statistics show that one in six children is raised below the poverty level. Sports will help keep these kids away from an alternate path that often leads to crime.
- We need to give our kids a feeling of belonging to a community.
- The key focus is to recycle sports equipment for underprivileged kids. This will promote the health and well being of the children, engage youth in sports. Being able to actively join in, eliminates the sense of shame and improves self esteem.
- The base of operations has now been established in City property in Whalley, a partnership in bicycle repair has been established with Options and Rocky Cycles and fundraising has started of which reception is very encouraging.
- Moving ahead, continued support is needed. Financial support from the business community foundations and the various levels of government will ensure success in making the program sustainable.
- A support program, through the City, providing skate sharpening for these children at no charge, would be a welcome addition to the services already provided.
- The program needs to be viewed as an integral partner in making Surrey a safer, more livable community.

Council noted the program's recognition as an endorsed program part of the City's 2010 Ahead of the Game initiative and thanked the delegation their endless time and energy in ensuring the program was, in fact, *ahead* of the Games.

## **B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

## **C. CORPORATE REPORTS**

1. The Corporate Report, under date of February 23, 2009, was considered and dealt with as follows:

**Item No. C003** Annual Review of Surrey Official Community Plan  
By-law, 1996, No. 12900  
File: 6440-01

The General Manager, Planning and Development submitted a report concerning The Surrey Official Community Plan By-law, 1996, No. 12900 (the "OCP By-law") which specifies that an annual review of the Official Community Plan (the "OCP") is to be undertaken to update relevant information and to evaluate and report to Council on the status of the OCP's implementation. This report is intended to fulfill that requirement.

**Note:** Judy McLeod, Manager, Long Range Planning and Policy Development, provided a brief PowerPoint presentation supporting Corporate Report C003 and reviewed the status of the OCP's implementation. Comments were noted as follows:

- Surrey's population, as at December 2008, is estimated at 461,150. There has been an average annual growth rate of 2.5% (or 100,250 residents) over the past decade. It is projected that there will be 43,875 new residents in the five years between 2008 to 2013.
- As Surrey develops as a City and starts to develop in a more sustainable manner, more multiple residential developments (townhouses and apartments) are being achieved; an increase to 33% in 2008 from 29% in 1998, with an anticipated increase to 37% in 2013.
- Despite the current slowdown, it is expected that there will be approximately 20,000 new units added in the coming five years.
- Under provincial legislation, Surrey is required to have a three to five year supply of residential units. At present, there is a five year supply in the application process.
- In the last year there was approximately \$216 million in industrial and commercial construction value with roughly 1.7 million square feet of new business floor area.
- At present there is approximately 263 acres of industrial land, market ready, for industrial development, with another 230 +/- acres that can be ready in the short term.
- As a result of the employment land strategy, there is 400 acres of land available for commercial and office development throughout Surrey; certainly in terms of new office investment, Surrey is well positioned, should the office market sector increase.

The General Manager, Planning and Development was recommending that the report be received for information.

It was

Moved by Councillor Steele  
Seconded by Councillor Hunt  
That Corporate Report C003 be received for

information.

Carried

**D. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

**E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by Councillor Villeneuve

Seconded by Councillor Steele

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

  
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Jane Sowik, City Clerk  
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Councillor Gill, Chairperson